



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SHIOJI, Masahiro**

Group Art Unit: **2615**

Serial No.: **09/274,771**

Examiner: **Nhan T. Tran**

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For: **DIGITAL CAMERA**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination Transmittal in response to the Final Office Action dated **January 9, 2006**, extended from **April 9, 2006** to **May 9, 2006** by a **one (1)** month Petition for Extension of Time. Prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: